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C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 1932

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: WHO, KS, KN

SUBJECT: NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION FOR WHO MEMBERSHIP

REF: STATE 087507

1. IN ABSENCE RESPONSE FROM GENEVA TO REFTEL, I RAISED SUBJECT OF WHO MEMBERSHIP FOR NORTH KOREA AGAIN WITH BOGAARS, PERMSEC OF FONOFF. RECALLING OUR EARLIER CONVERSATION, I ASKED WHAT INSTRUCTIONS HAD BEEN GIVEN TO SINGAPORE DELEGATION TO WHA.

2. BOGAARS SAID THAT FOREIGN MINISTER HAD INFORMED MINISTER OF HEALTH, CHUA, WHO HEADS SINGAPORE DELEGATION, OF OUR VIEWS ON MATTER BUT HE GAVE NO INSTRUCTIONS. DECISION ON HOW TO VOTE WAS LEFT ENTIRELY UP TO CHUA "DEPENDING ON SITUATION IN GENEVA."

3. COMMENT: WHILE SINGAPORE NORMALLY ABSTAINS ON DIVIDED COUNTRY ISSUES, IT IS SENSITIVE TO BEING ISOLATED AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ON VOTES IN INTERNATIONAL BODIES AND PARTICULARLY SEEKS TO VOTE WITH ITS REGIONAL NEIGHBORS. THIS WAS TRUE IN VOTE ON 25 PERCENT UN BUDGET ISSUE WHERE THEY WERE FINALLY PERSUADED TO SUPPORT OUR POSITION WHEN WE  
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DEMONSTRATED FAIRLY WIDE SUPPORT OF OTHER  
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. FROM WHAT BOGAARS SAID,  
IT APPEARS IN THIS CASE THAT THEY WILL BE CAN-  
VASSING THEIR ASIAN COLLEAGUES BEFORE MAKING  
DECISION. SUGGEST US DEL GENEVA TALK TO CHUA  
AND TRY TO PERSUADE HIM THERE IS SUPPORT AMONG  
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR OUR POSITION. SINCE  
BOGAARS SAID CHUA IS UNLIKELY TO REPORT BACK FOR  
FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS AND SINCE WE HAVE NO  
INFORMATION ON VIEWS OF OTHERS, IT IS PROBABLY  
BEST TO MAKE OUR PITCH IN GENEVA. IF DEPT WISHES  
US TO RAISE MATTER AGAIN HERE, WE WILL NEED INFOR-  
MATION ON EXPECTED VOTING PATTERN OF OTHER  
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE IN EA  
REGION.  
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